Remarks

Claims 1 to 8 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 to 8 have been amended. No new

matter is presented by the amendments and entry is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 1

to 8, as amended, are now pending and before the Examiner.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not

enabling.

In response, applicants traverse the Examiner's rejections. The terms "solvate" and "prodrugs"

are defined and fully enabled by the specification, inter alia, on page 132 and 134 and well within

the ability of one of skill in the art to make and use the claimed invention based on the disclosure.

The enablement of "solvate" and "prodrugs" does not require more than this and this has been

recognized repeatedly by the PTO, which has allowed similar claims containing the term

"solvate" for related glucocorticoid mimetic applications by at least five different examiners, see,

e.g., U.S. Patent Nos. 6,858,627; 6,903,215; 6,960,581; 7,074,806; 7,186,864; and 7,189,758.

Nonetheless, because this subject matter is not of current interest to applicants and in order to

expedite prosecution, applicants have amended the claims to remove solvates and prodrugs.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these

rejections.

Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are allowable and therefore solicit

a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone

interview would be helpful in advancing prosecution of this application, the Examiner is

invited to contact the attorney below.

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